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ACTION OC-05

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P R 132200Z JUN 75
FM AMCONSUL GUAYAQUIL
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 3979
INFO AMEMBASSY QUITO

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FOR A A/OC AND ARA FROM CRO

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ACOM, AMGT, EC
SUBJECT: SURFACE POUCHES TO QUITO & GUAYAQUIL

REFS: A. QUITO OM SEPT 13, 1974
B. AMB BREWSTER'S LETTER TO FENSTERMACHER OCT 3, 1974
C. GUAYAQUIL OM SEPT 19, 1974
D. GUAYAQUIL 127 DATED FEB 10, 1975
E. QUITO 3678

1. TO ADD IMPETUS TO THE ALREADY DETERIORATING QUALITY AND SECURITY OF SURFACE POUCH SHIPMENTS THROUGH GUAYAQUIL PORT, POST WISHES TO REPORT THE CONDITION IN WHICH 17 POUCHES, 10 OF WHICH WERE FOR QUITO AND 7 FOR GUAYAQUIL, WERE RECEIVED JUNE 12.

2. ALL 17 POUCHES HAD THEIR DIPLOMATIC SEALS REMOVED - MANY OF THE PACKAGES WERE CUT OR TORN OPEN AND CONTENTS REMOVED. SOME EMPTY PACKAGES WERE RETURNED IN THE POUCH BAGS. TWO BAGS WERE RECEIVED SLIT OPEN ON THE SIDES, MAKING IT UTTERLY IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE WHAT AND HOW MUCH WAS STOLEN.
THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO DOUBT THAT THESE POUCHES WERE TAMPERED WITH AT THE CHAOTIC PORT IN GUAYAQUIL.

3. IN VIEW OF ABOVE, POST BELIEVES IT FUTILE TO CONTINUE PROTESTING SUCH THEFTS TO PORT AUTHORITY. CONGESTION IN PORT
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IS SO BAD WITH CONSEQUENT DIFFICULTY OF CONTROLLING CARGO,

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AND PROCLIVITY TO STEAL WITH FLAGRANT DISREGARD EVEN FOR
DIPLOMATIC SHIPMENTS, THAT WE MUST SIMPLY FIND AN ALTERNATIVE
ROUTE FOR SHIPMENTS IMMEDIATELY. POST FEELS BEST POSSIBLE
SOLUTION AS PREVIOUSLY STATED IN QUITO 3678 WOULD BE TO OBTAIN
A RESUMPTION OF THE APO SERVICE TO QUITO.
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